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**FDA EMPLOYEE SENTENCED TO 27 MONTHS IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE**

**Greenbelt, Maryland** - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Jock J. Garcia, age 40, of Beltsville, Maryland, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Deborah Chasanow to 27 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for possession of child pornography.

According to the statement of facts provided to the court as part of the plea agreement on January 27, 2004, Garcia was employed by the Food and Drug Administration in Rockville, Maryland at the time of his possession of child pornography. In late 2002, an information systems security officer for the FDA discovered that Garcia's computer had been used for viewing child pornography. On January 15, 2003, FDA's Office of Internal Affairs coordinated the clandestine removal of the hard drive of Garcia's workstation computer. Garcia admitted that he had used his computer at the FDA to view thousands of images of child pornography. In addition, Garcia was a member of over 100 internet chat groups with titles such as "fatherandsonsplytyme2," "teenweb," and "babyrape."

On June 16, 2003, members of the FBI Innocent Images task force executed a search warrant at Garcia's workstation. His computer, as well as a number of floppy disks, were seized by FBI agents. Analysts later determined that the floppy disks included numerous stories regarding having sex with children and, in particular, babies.

Garcia's home computer was obtained and analyzed after a seizure based upon his consent, and approximately 600 images of child pornography were recovered by Innocent Images investigators. An analysis of 16 compact disks from Garcia's home revealed hundreds of stories including topics such as raping children, thousands of images of child pornography, videos of adults engaging in bestiality, and images and videos of adults engaging in sex acts with infants. Investigators did not find any evidence that Garcia manufactured or distributed child pornography at his office or at home.

Judge Chasanow also ordered that during his supervised release after incarceration, Garcia, may not use or possess any devices with internet access without prior permission from the United States Probation Office ("U.S.P.O."), that any computer that he possesses would be subject to unannounced inspection by U.S.P.O. Judge Chasanow also ordered that Garcia register as a sexual offender, and that he forfeit his computer and several accompanying electronic goods seized by the F.B.I. during the investigation.

The case is a result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's "Innocent Images" program, the Office of Internal Affairs for the Food & Drug Administration and the Office of Inspector General for Health and Human Services. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James M. Trusty.